

City of Ellsworth
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 23, 2023 5:30 PM

Chair Brian Langley, Vice-Chair Jennifer Sala, Members John DeLeo, Rick Lyles, Eric Marichal, Nick Turner, Paul Markosian, Jon Stein, and Casey Hanson were present.

Nine members present

Members Erin Witham and Nancy Smith were absent.

Two members absent

City Planner Matthew Williams and Assistant City Planner Elizabeth Ouellette attended the meeting.

Two staff members present

1.) Call to Order

Chair Langley called the meeting to order at 5:31PM.

Call to Order

2.) Introductions and Housekeeping

Alison Tobey from BerryDunn joined the meeting via Zoom.

Introductions & Housekeeping

3.) Adoption of Minutes from the September 25, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Member Markosian moved to adopt the minutes. Member Stein seconded the motion. **The vote to adopt to minutes from the September 25, 2023 Regular Meeting was UNANIMOUS.**

Adoption of Minutes

ADOPTED

4.) Survey Update

City Planner Williams began by explaining that there have been multiple ads for the survey. There was an ad in the Ellsworth American and there have been two boosted Facebook posts. He said that there were multiple drop-boxes placed around the City with physical copies of the surveys as well. The boxes are located at Loaves & Fishes, Union River Estates, Moore Center, Hannaford, Shaws, Flex It, the Library, and City Hall. He also said that they are hoping to do something with the schools to get the survey out to that demographic. He said that Loaves and Fishes, Union River Estates, and Flex It are the boxes that have gotten the most responses as of that day. Alison Tobey from Berry Dunn then gave an update on the online survey responses. She said that as of that day there were 248 responses, mostly coming in over the weekend and that day. She said that the majority of people who are answering the survey are homeowner. Chair Langley asked Tobey if there are any analytics on when is the best time for a Facebook post in order to catch the most people. Tobey said that typically the weekends, Thursday and Friday evening, and in the early mornings are good times for Facebook posts to catch people when they are on their phones the most often. Assistant Planner Ouellette said that as of that day there were 32 physical survey responses. She said that she will continue to empty the boxes weekly or more if needed until the survey closed. Member Stein asked Tobey if there was some way to tell how people are accessing the survey, if it was via a QR code or the website. Tobey said that was not something they had the ability to trace. Williams said that he is able to see how many people interact with the Facebook posts and the Ellsworth American advertisement, but he is not able to see how many people actually click the link contained in the post. Stein said that he would like to see some of that information to help inform the communications survey that will be going out later on.

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Williams said that there was an issue with the printer so there were citizens who got the mailers multiple times. Member Markosian said that one individual made a comment that the survey was too long. He said that he explained to the individual that there is a lot of topics to cover and encouraged that individual to participate in other ways if they did not have the time to fill out the survey. Member DeLeo said that it would be helpful to include a percentage bar showing the progress when completing the survey online. He also said that the survey did not save the data when he accidentally quit out of the website. Williams asked Tobey if those were things that could be altered. Tobey said she would look into it, but she was not sure. Williams then asked if there was any real-time data that could be seen on the back end. Tobey said that there is some real-time information that they have access to. Member Lyles asked what the average response time was. Tobey said it was 7 minutes and 45 seconds. Member Marichal asked if they could see any of the data to see where any trends are. Tobey said that they could compile the information and provide it to the Committee. She said that overwhelming the concerns were housing and transportation which is not a surprise. Lyles asked when the survey will close. Williams said it will close on November 10th.

5.) Review and Discussion of Inventory & Analysis Document

City Planner Williams began by asking the Committee to first give general feedback and then they will review the document by chapter to give comments. He said that the consultants already have the Staff's comments on the document, so this was really an opportunity for the Committee members to give their feedback. Williams asked Alison Tobey how she would like the feedback provided to her. She asked if there was a way to compile the comments and provide them to her after the meeting. Williams said that they would do that.

Member Turner began with general comments. He said that he was concerned about how little The Grand was mentioned. He said that it was only mentioned twice and that it should have been mentioned more since it brings a lot of people into Ellsworth and Downtown. He said that it also provides millions into the economy. Tobey said that, in terms of economic impact, they are still waiting for the Business Attraction Plan data to be included, particularly with Downtown. She said that she will make a note to look into The Grand more. Williams said that this document was a very rough draft and there will be a lot more information contained in the document on the final draft. He also said that this was the time to bring up concerns like this. Chair Langley said that the creative economy and the benefits it brings is another topic that should be focused on more. Turner agreed and talked about the benefit that the arts and The Grand bring to Ellsworth. Member Lyles said that there is a lot of information/data dump with imbedded recommendations. He said that he does not think that this part of the Plan should have any recommendations in it. He said that it should be providing information and then explaining the problems that exist based on that information. He said that the policy recommendations should come later. Lyles also said that there should be more analysis as to if the issues are issues for all of the population or just a few sects of the population. He also said that there is a need for more graphics and better graphics. He said that there were some that were impossible to read. He then said that all of the information contained in the graphics should be reflected in the text to give more explanation as to why the data is in the graphics. Vice-Chair Sala said

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that the only data given about demographics was how many white people live in Ellsworth. She said that there needs to be more analysis on the other races and data provided on how the population numbers have changed. She also said that there was a study done in July of this year which said that Ellsworth has their 2nd lowest unemployment rate in decades. Sala then said that the figures regarding General Assistance need more explanation. She said that there should be a mention that there are repeat applicants and some applicants who do not live in Ellsworth. Member Marichal asked if most of these maps that are not clear are provided from the City. He asked if there was an expectation that the consultants would make new maps. Lyles said that he would just like to maps to be clearer and be able to read them. Williams said that it is just an issue of size. Lyles said that there is nothing wrong with the information provided on the maps, just the legibility. Member Stein said that he thought it would be helpful to put a summary or recap of what was mentioned in the 2004 plan and an explanation of what was done and not done and why. Langley said that would be a good idea and it would be helpful to recognize the work that has been done in the past. He said it may be a good idea to explain that we are picking up where they left off and we are continuing the work that has already been done. Sala asked Williams if the information obtained in the subcommittee meetings would be included in this document. Williams said that it would. Williams told the Committee that there is some information that Berry Dunn requested that the City was not able to provide. He said that could be the reason for some of the gaps that the Committee has seen. Lyles said that if the information cannot be found, that should be mentioned in the document with an explanation as to why the information is not available.

Williams moved onto the Introduction section. He said that he did not have any comments regarding the content, only a few comments regarding the format.

Williams then moved onto the Population & Demographics section. He said that he thought it was fairly easy to follow and most of the graphics were relevant to the text. He said that he would like to see the actual numbers that are behind the percent changes detailed in some of the graphics. Turner said that there needs to be a close look at aging in place and quality of life for the elderly population. He said that the population is declining and there should be more of a focus on the older population. Langley said that there should also be a focus of attracting young people into the area and keeping them in the area. Lyles said that it would be helpful to explain if the population is getting older because of people aging in place or if it is more in-migration of the elderly. He also said that the population projects are showing that there will be a large impact on the schools in a few years. He said that he would like to see some analysis on that fact. Lyles then said that he would like to see more interactions between chapters and how they all impact each other. Williams said that there are some references to other chapters. He said that it may be a good idea to include a reference to other chapters for more information. Langley said that they should be careful about widening the scope of what is mentioned in the plan so that any of the goals are not attainable. Williams said that this section was where they admit the problems and focusing on how the data is now. He said that the forward-thinking sections would be later-on in the plan. Lyles said that they needed to be careful about using numbers versus percentages, noting that it is sometimes misleading to use percentages. Langley asked if there was any information regarding individuals with licenses and certifications in

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Ellsworth. He also asked if there would be a reference to the State's goal of having 60% of the workforce with a degree, certificate, or license by 2025. Sala said that there should also be a mention of the anecdotal evidence of the shortage of young people obtaining those certificates and licenses.

Turner said that the figure of 16% of Ellsworth residents living alone is another indication that aging in place needs to be considered. Lyles said that this is a good example of the different chapters of the plans interacting with each other. Williams said that there needs to be some more clarity on the income section and using more of the actual figures with citations on where that data comes from. He said that he would like to see some explanation as to why Ellsworth's wages are lower than the rest of the county. Langley asked Tobey if she could provide any information on how Ellsworth compares to the State in a larger context. He asked if there could be some information on wages in rural communities versus urban or lakeside communities. Stein said that it may be a good idea to also look nationally since there are a lot of people moving to Maine from away. Williams said that some of that information will also be contained in the Business Attraction Plan. Williams then asked if there could be more explanation as to what "vacant" means in this context, since it does not mean just "empty." Sala said that it would also be interesting to see how many places are not outfitted for year-round housing and only used for a portion of the year. Williams said that he could see if the Water Department had any information on how many camps and residences they shut off for the Winter, however there are many camps who use wells so it would not be a completely accurate figure.

Williams then moved onto the education portion of the section and said that there should be more of a discussion on how the cost of services have gone up. Member Markosian said that the K-8 enrollment has declined nationally due to parents pulling their kids out of the school system during the pandemic. He said that the High School has more enrollment because parents have a harder time home schooling High School aged children and there are many extracurricular activities which attract the students. Markosian said that nationally, there were fewer children born in the past few years which will definitely impact the school enrollment numbers once they reach school-age. He said in Ellsworth, they are slightly going against the trend with the population increase, but that has slowed. He said that families with children do not move to Ellsworth since there is a lack of affordable housing for families. Langley then talked about the national population projections and that impact on the school system should be reflected. Markosian said that the staffing levels do not match with the enrollment changes and wages are making it difficult to retain and attract teachers. He also said that there is an increase in behavioral issues with children which require special teachers to manage that, which also drives up costs. Member Hanson said that there are many parents in the area that want to send their children to Ellsworth schools since they have more services than surrounding schools. She said that it is more desirable to parents with children with behavioral issues or special needs. Markosian said that she was correct and that the cost of special education is increasing significantly. Lyles wondered if there should be a subsection devoted to public education in Ellsworth since it is not one of the chapters. He said that the same thing could also be said for Public Health. Langley said that it may also be a good idea to include how Ellsworth schools rank compared to the surrounding area. He thought that may be a good way to attract young families. Tobey

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said that they could provide that information. Williams said that they can consider how all of that information should fit into the plan.

Williams then moved onto the Natural and Water Resources section. He began by saying that he would like to see more of a mention about the Wabanaki tribe and some sort of acknowledgement that they used the land before we did. He said that may be a good thing to include in the Introduction section. Vice-Chair Sala said that she has some information regarding the indigenous uses of the area. Hanson said that there was an error in the section about the Union River Lobster Pot and that they now offer outdoor seating. Langley said she was correct, that was an update during the pandemic. Williams said that there is a watershed map that the City has which is more accurate than the State's map which shows most the Ellsworth in the Union River watershed. He said that he would like to see a watershed map included in this section. Member DeLeo asked about Figure 2.1 and wanted an explanation about what "public wells" means. Williams said that they do not know the use of all of the public wells since they are not on City-owned land. Lyles mentioned that Leonard Lake is left out of the conversation many times and it should be mentioned. Sala made a comment that the hydroelectric dam does not actually provide electricity to Ellsworth. Sala then went on to talk about the bonds for City infrastructure projects and said that there is not a lot mentioned about the long-term planning for infrastructure. Williams said that would be included in the comments for the Public Facilities portion. Williams said that it may be a good idea to mention the recent washouts due to infrastructure failing. Turner said that there should be some mention of the increase in tourism throughout the years. Williams said that information would be contained in the Economy section. Turner then discussed all of the funding from the State that is available for encouraging tourism. Williams said that was something that Staff has been looking at but not all programs work for Ellsworth. Sala then talked about the pollution that is in some of the water from the aging infrastructure. She said that some of the water is going into the river. Stein said that there was a mention in the document that Ellsworth does not treat septic from other communities, but they do. He said that there is some conversations about expanding the amount of waste taken in at the plant. Williams then made the comment that the Shoreland Zoning section needs to be updated and he will provide the necessary information.

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Resources**

Williams then moved onto the Marine Resources section. Langley made a comment that there was not a lot of turnout for that subcommittee meeting. Langley then said that the most important piece of this section is the maintenance of the Harbor. He said that the harbor gets dredged to clean out the sediment build-up. Sala said that maybe there should be a mention of how often the harbor needs to be dredged. The Committee discussed the need for a better dredging plan for the harbor. Langley then said that he liked the reference to Frenchman Bay Regional Shellfish Conservation Ordinance and explained the purpose of the Ordinance. Williams asked if there was any way to find the regional impact of the ordinance. Langley said that there is a DMR Landings report on how many clams are harvested and where they are sent. He said that a report is issued every month. Turner had to leave the meeting early but mentioned that there is a huge opportunity to use the harbor even as it exists now. Langley said that it might be good to add that there were boat rides during the Autumn Gold festival. He said that was a great opportunity for some people to

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see the river and harbor from a different perspective. Sala said that they should also mention that there are racks which can be rented to store kayaks.

Williams then moved onto the Agriculture and Forestry section. DeLeo asked what the 602 woodland acres meant. Williams said that it was how many acres are used as a working forest for timber harvesting. DeLeo then pointed out that there are 18,000 acres in the Tree Growth tax program. Williams said that not all acres in Tree Growth are used as working forests. Lyles said that this shows there is confusion in the text, so it needs to be clarified. Lyles then made the comment that there is little context to put everything in perspective. He said that he would like to see more comparison with surrounding areas so we can see the actual impact of these sectors. Sala said that it would also be good to see how much product obtained through agriculture and forestry are sold in Ellsworth versus how much is shipped elsewhere. Stein brought up the spikes shown on Figure 4.2 and wondered why there are such drastic spikes. DeLeo said that was due to specific landowners clearing out large portions of property that was under their control.

Agriculture and Forestry

Williams then moved onto the Land Use section. Williams said that the Urban Core is defined by Ellsworth so he would like to see the term used as a term of art in this document. He also asked for a graphic describing the Urban Core. He said that there is a comparison between the 2004 plan and how things are now, but they could be made clearer. Lyles made a comment that some of these maps could be simplified for this purpose. Williams said that he would look into that possibility. Langley asked if the Urban Core has expanded since 2004. Williams said that the Urban Core was not established until 2008 after the plan was completed. He said that the Core is where water and sewer capabilities exist and that has not changed significantly. Williams said that he thinks there are some lots missing from the conversation map showing all of the conserved lots. He said that he would double-check and let them know. Lyles asked if there was a lot of City-owned vacant land. Williams said that there is not a lot of land that they are able to use. Williams said that there may be some updates to conserved land before the plan is completed so he will provide that information to the consultants. Langley said that there should be a reference to the value that those parcels would have added to the tax base if they were taxed. He said it would be good to give people an idea of how much value it could add to the tax base. Williams said that the Assessor would be able to find that information and he would be able to provide it to the consultants.

Land Use

Williams then moved onto the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space section. Marichal said that it should be mentioned that Knowlton Park has added exercise equipment for seniors. He also said that the Holiday Tree lighting event is no longer held at SK Whiting Park, it is held at City Hall. He then reiterated his comment from last meeting that it would be beneficial to have a table of all of the recreational assets in Ellsworth. He said that it would be good to have a summary of the types of facilities that are offered. Sala said that it should be made clear that there is no paid Parks & Rec Department but there is a Recreation Commission which handles the recreational assets in Ellsworth. Marichal said that it should be made clear that it is a priority of the Recreation Commission to get a paid Staff person for the Parks. Stein said that they should include all of the organizations that the City partners with to offer Recreational activities/facilities. He said that The Y, The Grand, and

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many other organizations work with the City to offer different things. He said that the major stakeholders in recreation should be mentioned. Marichal said that the track should be mentioned since it is City-owned and school-maintained and also in need of a lot of repair. Stein brought up the statistic that there are only 4.2% of the population who lives within a 10-minute walking distance from a park or open space. He said that he thought that number would have been bigger. Marichal said that there should be mention of the City and school-owned assets which are available to the public. Lyles said that there should be a graphic regarding the amount of the population that is within a 10-minute walking distance from a park. He said that it would make a nice visual. Langley asked if the Sunrise Trail would be included in that statistic. Williams said that it would not be since it is a trail and not a park. Williams said that there could potentially be an overlay map showing the distance to the parks and open spaces and the population density in Ellsworth.

Williams then moved onto the Economy section. He said that he had a lot of comments on this section but already sent his comments to the consultants so he would not repeat them here in the interest of time. Sala said that there are some statistics and graphics that are need of more clarity. Langley asked about Figure 7.2 and if it would be possible to compare Ellsworth to other service centers. He said that this would allow the Committee to know if they have the same types of jobs that other service centers do. He said that this would help inform which kinds of businesses that Ellsworth should attract. He also mentioned that some of this information would be contained in the Business Attraction Plan. He said that he would like to know if Ellsworth is typical or not as compared to other service centers. DeLeo said that he would like some more clarity on table 7.2 and the types of jobs that are encompassed in the classifications. He said that there are many jobs in Ellsworth that would not fall under any of those categories. Sala said that she had the same comment, noting that there are military personnel who live in Ellsworth but are not reflected on that table. Williams said that this is just jobs in Ellsworth and although those people live in Ellsworth, the job is not physically in Ellsworth. Sala said that veterans should be included in some way. Langley asked Tobey how they should quantify remote workers in Ellsworth. He said that this is a new category of employees. Langley and Sala agreed that there should be a separate chart for remote workers and one for veterans and military personnel who live in Ellsworth. Marichal said that there should be some information on the seasonality of the population. He said that it may be beneficial to know how many visitors are coming to Acadia each month. He said that would inform Ellsworth as to which months are the real “peak seasons.” He said that there are increasing number of visitors to Acadia in what was traditionally the “off-season.” Sala said that there was a mention of Ellsworth being the last retail center before MDI. She said that this is also true for people in Washington County and that should be mentioned since there are a lot more people living in Washington County versus MDI. Langley suggested maybe reaching out to companies in Ellsworth who do home deliveries and see how many people they deliver to in Washington County. Lyles said that local builders could also be reached out to see where they build in Washington County.

Economy

Williams then moved onto the Housing section. Lyles said that he was not particularly happy with this section and believed that it needed a lot of work. He said that it seemed rather weak in terms of the type of housing Ellsworth has and the type of housing

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Ellsworth needs. He said that there was hardly any attention paid to the unhoused individuals in Ellsworth and when it was mentioned it was framed as an enforcement issue, not a systemic housing issue. He said that there was not as much discussion on housing for the elderly, impoverished, or otherwise disadvantaged people which make up a large section of Ellsworth's population. He said that there was no mention of the amount of individuals who have Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) but are not able to find a place to live that will accept them. He said that there are 302 vouchers for the county but 76 of them are not being used which means that there are 76 families/individuals who cannot find housing. Williams said that information would be in future drafts since it was information obtained in one of the subcommittees. Williams also said that it would be beneficial to mention that the 76 vouchers are not being used since the holders of those vouchers cannot find housing that will accept it. Sala said that it may also be worth mentioning that there are a lot of people who are not a part of the HCV voucher program because they do not qualify or do not even apply because they think it is too complicated. Lyles said that more attention needed to be paid to this section even though there will be the separate housing study conducted. He said that this should lay the baseline data to justify the housing study. Lyles also said that this would be a good space to discuss how each of the chapters interact with each other and make connections between the other chapters. Langley asked if the housing study will look at the City's role in obtaining more affordable housing. He asked if the study will look at regulatory barriers to new housing production. Williams said that the study will look at all of those things and there will be a section where they make policy recommendations. DeLeo said that he thinks the City needs to be a partner in building/encouraging more affordable housing since the cost of housing is one of the largest issues in Ellsworth. He said that looking at some of the data provided in the document made him realize just how unaffordable Ellsworth is. He said that he hoped the housing study will say that the City needs to be a partner in affordable housing in some degree. Marichal said that he thought the unaffordability data was the most impactful statement in the entire document. Lyles said that the entire section needed to be elevated and more information added. Marichal said it should be noted that the information regarding how many short-term rentals (STRs) exist in Ellsworth was obtained from AirDNA which also put out a report saying that Ellsworth was the 8th most STR friendly municipality in the country since there are no regulations on them and it is so close to Acadia. He said that it should be noted that this will open Ellsworth up to more national attention and therefore developers from other states will be more likely to come to Ellsworth specifically to build/purchase housing to be used as STRs.

Williams then moved onto the Transportation section. Lyles said that this section also needed to be elevated and beefed up. He said that there is not a lot of mention of how transportation interacts with the other chapters in the plan. He gave the example of how the housing shortage on MDI leads to increased traffic in Ellsworth since people have to live off-Island and commute into work. He said that the document should also address off-season peak traffic which is still an issue despite the lower numbers than in the tourist season. Lyles also said that there is little mention about the transportation needs of the elderly population. He said that organizations like Friends in Action have to drive elderly people around the City and they should not have to. Langley said that they should look at sustainability of the aging population without as many young people coming into the

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community. He said that they also need to consider how to pay for all of these transportation infrastructure needs. DeLeo said that there is some mention regarding the quality of Route 1A which he did not agree with. The document says that the road is narrow with deteriorating gravel shoulders. DeLeo said that the road has been updated in the past few years and there are paved shoulders with some passing lanes now. He said that he would like to see those reflected.

Williams then moved onto the Historic and Cultural Resources section. Sala began by saying that she would like some information reflected which shows that over 1,000 buildings in Ellsworth is over 100 years old. She said that the City Assessor has the information about those buildings which he would be able to provide. She said that there were 12 buildings which were roughly 200 years old. She then said that Washington and Hancock County have been designated as a Downeast Maine National Heritage Area which opens them up to all kinds of additional funding. She said that she would like that to be talked about in the document. She said that a lot of those older buildings are blighted and that should be mentioned as well. Sala then reiterated her desire for a land acknowledgement somewhere in the plan. Sala then also said that she would like some information about the historic cemeteries.

Williams then moved onto the City Facilities and Services section. Hanson made the comment that the section on the Police Department is less specific about the amount and type of calls received than the Fire Department section is. She said that she would like to know how many calls typically come into communities of this size and how many officers those similar communities have. She said it would be helpful to know if Ellsworth is in need of more personnel in the Fire and Police Departments. Sala said that she would be interested in seeing information as to how many officers or emergency response personnel need to respond to each call, noting that sometimes there is only a few responding officers and sometimes there are many. Hanson said that this type of information would also be helpful for the Public Works department as well. Langley asked Tobey if she thought that information would be better suited for an appendix or if it would be better to be embedded into the narrative. Tobey said that she thought it would be better to include it in the narrative since it is relevant information to the plan. She said that if there was data available they could provide a supplemental table and explanatory paragraph. She said they would look into that information. Lyles said that the sewer infrastructure coverage seemed light. He asked if there was any mention of the mapping project in the section. Williams said that there was not but it would be added in the next draft. Lyles then said again that this would be a good place for some interconnection between chapters. Williams asked Tobey if they could have Woodard and Curran take a look at this portion of the document. Tobey said that they would reach out and have them review it and add supplemental information. Lyles said that there should be a focus on the current conditions of the infrastructure so the community can know what state it is in now and what repairs are needed. DeLeo said that there was a discrepancy in the acreage of Branch Lake throughout the document. Williams said he would double check that information and let the consultants know which the correct figure to use is. DeLeo then asked about Broadband and the statements in the document which say that rural residents do not have access to internet. DeLeo did not agree with this statement. Williams gave him some background on the Broadband initiative

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in Ellsworth and said that there are still many places in Ellsworth that does not have access to internet. Williams also said that that information would be contained in the Business Attraction Plan and would be included once it was available.

Williams then moved onto the final section on Fiscal Capacity. He said that there is not current capital investment plan but there is a 5-year plan. The capital improvement plan that is currently being worked on could not be referenced because it does not have Council approval. DeLeo said that FY24 should be included in the figures since Ellsworth is already well into that fiscal year. He said that figure 12.3 is very misleading unless there is an explanation about MIL rates and how they work. He said that it makes it seem like property taxes are lowered, but it does not take the assessment changes into account. Langley asked if there could be more elaboration on assessments and how they impact the property taxes. He also said that they should include the methodology of how the assessment is done in Ellsworth versus surrounding communities. Lyles said that a comparison with other municipalities would be helpful to combat the common misconception that Ellsworth taxes are much higher than other service centers. Williams made the comment that there should be more of an explanation about TIF funds and how they work. He said that most citizens do not know what TIF is or the benefit it brings to the City.

6.) Public Comments

Chair Langley opened the public hearing at 7:43. There were no members of the public present who wished to speak. Langley closed the public hearing at 7:43.

7.) Staff Comments

City Planner Williams said that there is a potential for an editorial series in the Ellsworth American which would help bring more public awareness to the Plan. Williams said that he would send more information via email. He said that this would also help educate the public about the Comprehensive Plan and the importance to planning in general. Member Lyles said that he liked the idea but it should be sure to be a-political.

8.) Adjournment

Member Smith made a motion to adjourn. Member Turner seconded the motion. **Chair Langley adjourned the meeting at 7:45PM.**

Minutes prepared by: Elizabeth Ouellette, Assistant City Planner.

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**Meeting adjourned
at 7:45PM**

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